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EMPLOYMENT

San Diego State University — Department of Economics

- Associate Professor 2022 – Present
- Assistant Professor 2015 – 2022

EDUCATION

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- University of California, Santa Barbara** 2015
Ph.D., Economics
- University of Colorado, Boulder** 2006
B.A., International Affairs & Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*

PUBLICATIONS

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1. Abman, R., Jenkins, H., & Lundberg, C. (2026). The limits of cross-border environmental policies: Trade diversion as leakage. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol. 137, 103298.
 2. Abman, R., Edwards, E., & Hernandez-Cortez, D. (2025). Water, Dust, and Environmental Justice: The Case of Agricultural Water Diversions. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 107, Issue 4, 1041–1058.
 3. Abman, R., Lundberg, C., & Ruta, M. (2024). The Effectiveness of Environmental Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 22, Issue 6, 2507–2548.
 4. Abman, R., & Lundberg, C. (2024). Contracting, market access and deforestation. *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 168.
 5. Abman, R., & Longbrake, G. (2023). Resource development and governance declines: The case of the Chad-Cameroon petroleum pipeline. *Energy Economics*, Vol. 117.
 6. Lundberg, C., & Abman, R. (2022). Maize price volatility and deforestation. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 104, Issue 2, 693–716.
 7. Abman, R., & Foad, H. (2022). Border walls and crime: Evidence from the Secure Fence Act. *Eastern Economic Journal*, Vol. 48, Issue 2, 167–197.
 8. Abman, R., & Carney, C. (2020). Agricultural productivity and deforestation: Evidence from input subsidies and ethnic favoritism in Malawi. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol. 103.
 9. Abman, R., & Carney, C. (2020). Land rights, agricultural productivity, and deforestation. *Food Policy*, Vol. 94.

10. Abman, R., & Lundberg, C. (2020). Does Free Trade Increase Deforestation? The Effects of Regional Trade Agreements. *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 35–72.
11. Abman, R. (2018). Rule of Law and Avoided Deforestation from Protected Areas. *Ecological Economics*, Vol. 146, pp. 282–289.
12. Stone-Gross, B., Abman, R., Kemmerer, R. A., Kruegel, C., Steigerwald, D. G., & Vigna, G. (2013). The Underground Economy of Fake Antivirus Software. In *Economics of Information Security and Privacy III*, pp. 55–78. Springer New York.

WORKING PAPERS

- Child Labor Standards in Regional Trade Agreements: Theory and Evidence
with Clark Lundberg, Michele Ruta, and John McLaren
Revisions requested at The Review of Economics and Statistics
- Strengthening International Environmental Agreements through Trade Policy
with Clark Lundberg and Dan Szmurlo
Revisions requested at Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
- Agricultural Productivity and Deforestation
with Teevrat Garg, Yao Pan, and Saurabh Singhal
- Electoral Accountability, Blacklisting and Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon
- Land Beyond Borders: Trade Policy and the International Market for Land
with Clark Lundberg, Frederik Noack, and Ana Palacios
- Trade Liberalization and Human Capital Formation: Child Learning and Child Labor in Peru
with Clark Lundberg, Leah Lakdawala, and Eduardo Nakasone
- Frontier Settlement and Agricultural Migration in Latin America
with Clark Lundberg and Enno Klotz
- Risk, Resilience, and Forests: The Pro-Environmental Impact of Agricultural Insurance
with Jeffrey Pagel
- Development and Land Use Change from Recreational Tourism

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (includes scheduled)

- 2026** University of Bonn (ILR)
- 2025** Paris School of Economics, CIRED, Toulouse School of Economics, Center for Environmental Economics at Montpellier
- 2022** Triangle Resource and Environmental Economics (TREE) Seminar Series
- 2021** World Bank – Trade and Climate Change Webinar Series; West Virginia University – Division of Resource Economics and Management; UCSD Environmental Economics Lunch; California Polytechnic State University
- 2020** University of British Columbia – Environmental Economics Lunch Seminar

2018 San Diego State University – Biology Department
2017 California State University – Long Beach
2016 Utah State University
2015 CIDE (Mexico City and Aguascalientes); San Diego State University; University of Queensland; Utah State University; California State University – Fullerton

CONFERENCE
 PRESENTATIONS
 (includes scheduled)

2026 Land Use Policies for Climate Change Workshop (CLAND Convergence Institute, Paris); Trade and the Environment Workshop (INRAE, Paris - Keynote Speaker); Forest and People Summer Institute (Aussois); World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Lisbon)
2025 AERE Summer Meetings (Santa Fe); EAERE Summer Meetings (Bergen); European Economic Association Meetings (Bordeaux)
2024 CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop (Vail); Western Economic Association International – AERE Session (Seattle)
2023 CESifo Conference for Energy and Climate (Berlin); Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (Claremont); AERE Summer Meetings (Portland, ME); Western Economic Association International – AERE Session (San Diego)
2022 Western Economic Association International – AERE Session (Portland)
2021 NBER Environmental and Energy Economics (EEE) Spring Meetings; Oxford CSAE Economic Development in Africa (virtual)
2020 NEUDC (virtual); AERE Annual Meetings (virtual); Western Economic Association International – AERE Session (virtual)
2019 5th Annual Environmental Politics and Governance Workshop (UCSB)
2018 Workshop on Vietnam Access to Rural Households Survey (UNU-WIDER); Western Economic Association International – AERE Session (Vancouver)
2017 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Riverside)
2016 Western Economic Association International Annual Meetings (Portland); Southern Economic Association – AERE Session (Washington, D.C.)
2015 Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics (UCSB)
2014 CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop (Vail, CO); Summer School in Political Economy (GSE, Barcelona)
2013 Western Economic Association International Conference (Seattle); AERE Annual Meetings (Banff); PERC Graduate Student Workshop (Bozeman, MT)

TEACHING

Primary Instructor

- Natural Resource Economics
- Environmental Economics

- Economics of Climate Change (SDSU Honors College)
- Econometric Theory (Masters)
- Applied Econometric Methods (Masters)
- Stata Lab (Masters)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee — American Journal of Agricultural Economics; American Journal of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene; Environmental and Resource Economics; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Environmental Economics and Management; Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists; Journal of the European Economic Association; Land Economics; Natural Resources Forum; Nature; Review of Development Economics; Review of Economics of the Household; World Development

Mentoring — 2024–2025: Mentor for AERE Scholars Program

GRANTS & AWARDS

- **International Growth Centre (LSE)** 2025–2026
Co-PI with Clark Lundberg
Forest Resources and the Clean Energy Transition: Barriers and Benefits to LPG Adoption - £29,302
- **USDA NIFA Grant** 2023–2027
Co-PI with Clark Lundberg
Trade Policy and the International Market for Agricultural Land - \$799,923
- Most Influential Faculty Award — Economics 2023 & 2024
- Lone Mountain Fellow — Property and Environment Research Center 2022
- Critical Thinking Grant, SDSU Spring 2024, Fall 2021, & Fall 2019
- Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies Research Fellow 2019
- UNU-WIDER Grant — Rural Households in Vietnam 2017
- SDSU Program on Brazil Research Grant (×2) 2015, 2016